

SENATE BILL 2700

By Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
relative to speeding violations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-152, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(i)

(1) As used in this subsection (i), "speed trap" means a particular section of a road, street, or highway:

(A) That is measured as to distance and with boundaries marked, designated, or otherwise determined in order that the speed of a vehicle may be calculated by securing the time it takes the vehicle to travel the known distance; or

(B) In which enforcement of the speed limit involves the use of radar or another electronic device that measures the speed of moving objects.

(2) Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, except as provided in subdivision (i)(3):

(A) For the first violation of a speed limit established by the department or counties or municipalities occurring within a speed trap, if the speed at the time of violation was less than seven miles per hour (7 mph) over the speed limit, the violator must be issued a warning only and informed of the penalty for subsequent violations; and

(B) Second and subsequent violations of a speed limit established by the department or counties or municipalities occurring within a speed trap are punishable as otherwise provided by law for that violation.

(3) Subdivision (i)(2) does not apply to speeding violations occurring in a speed trap located within:

(A) The designated distance of a marked school zone;

(B) Five hundred (500) yards of a church or hospital; or

(C) Work zones where the speed limits have been reduced by the department and when employees of the department or construction workers are present.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.